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NWS Charleston Sailors called to Iraq duty Lessons learned after Individual Augmentee assignment

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NWS public affairs

The individual augmentee (IA) process has matured over the past year with several increases in its efficiency. NWS Charleston Sailors back from a one year IA tour in Iraq learned first hand the challenges of IA assignments.

To make the process as painless as possible Fleet and Family Service developed a brief and easy to use booklet for deploying Sailors and their families. "The pre-deployment briefing was really helpful," said Master-at-Arms Chief Timothy Ledbetter. "They gave my wife important information that I just wouldn't have thought of."

According to Cdr. Barry Murphy, FFSC the information has been simplified especially for family members that are new to the military community. Enclosed in the booklet is a directory of services list for easy reference. Murphy continued, if FFSC doesn't have the answer then I know that we can find out were a family member can get the right answer.

There is a lot to take care of when deploying. NWS Charleston is developing a pre-

deployment check list for IA assignments. The list will include items such as wills, power of attorneys and automatic bill payments. Knowing where to begin is often the hardest part of preparing for deployments. "My wife and I updated our wills, I signed a power of attorney for my wife so that she could continue to bank and pay bills while I was gone," said Ledbetter.

The Navy has deployed more than 46,000 individual augmentees (IAs) to joint and coalition commands since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom. Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Michael Scotto of NWS Security department credits his command with making the deployment easier on him and his family. "Due to the command making sure all of our documentation was in order prior to our deploying, my wife had no trouble at all taking care of things on my behalf. I would recommend to anyone deploying on an IA billet to check with their bank to see if they need specific a power of attorney. My wife and I decided to get them just in case and it proved to be a wise idea. Without them the bank would not have let her take care of my personal

banking issues. This also applies to the DMV. She needed a specific power of attorney stating that she had all rights to our vehicle in order to re-register it."

The Navy is smoothing out the process for deploying service members. Sailors who serve in individual augmentee (IA) billets are now eligible for several new benefits, such as points toward advancement and preferred duty location. Notification timelines for IAs are continuing to increase and an estimated 68 percent being given greater than 45 days notice. Specific guidelines and information on IA incentives can be found on Navy Knowledge Online.

The Expeditionary Combat Readiness Command (ECRC) established resource and information toll free phone number, 877-364-4302 for IA family members for use while Sailors are deployed and plans to establish an IA resource Web site.

For more information on how to volunteer for an IA billet, please contact your community manager or visit www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/Augmentation/.



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Charity Drive Exceeds Expectations

Larry Brewer, Trident United Way director, Capt. Robert Brennan, commanding officer and OS2 Tata Smith display Naval Weapons Stations contribution to this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

Naval Weapons Station Charleston



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To enable warfighter readiness by providing base facilities, infrastructure and operational support to our tenant commands.

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Captain's Log



Time of Celebration

By CAPT Robert J. Brennan
NWS Commanding Officer

I hope everyone had an outstanding Thanksgiving weekend and survived what is known in the retail world as "Black Friday." It is amazing the number of shoppers who take to the malls in search for the perfect something for their perfect someone who

has everything.

Before last week, how many of us have ever heard of the word "Thundersnow?" The weather on Tuesday was something else. I thought when I moved here from the northeast that I said goodbye to snow. It didn't accumulate but it did make for some treacherous driving conditions all around the Lowcountry.

The holidays bring opportunities for celebration with family and friends; and unfortunately, they also account for a staggering increase on Navy accident rates. According to the Navy Safety Center, for the last five years Navy traffic death rates are 21% higher over holidays than during the rest of the year while recreational deaths rates are 62% higher. Fortunately, the Navy is looking much better this year as far as traffic safety is concerned. There is no acceptable libel of traffic deaths or injuries, the deaths of Sailors and Marines sharply declined in October with a 69% decrease of fatalities compared to the same month last year. Safety ultimately comes down to personal responsibility. Alcohol was a factor in almost one-third of Sailor fatalities in the last fiscal year. Have a plan if you choose to go out for a few alcoholic

beverages. No matter what, don't drink and drive!

The holiday season is a time for all Americans to reflect on what is most important in our lives. It is important to pause and reflect on what a special country we live in. Americans truly accomplish great things each and every day. Consider the military doctors operating on wounded Afghans and Iraqis, or traveling to Africa to aid starving children, and the billions of dollars Americans contribute every year to charities, to the poor, and to the hungry.

And consider that every "Lowcountry Warrior" is a volunteer. We all raised our hand and essentially said, "Send me!" And the task has fallen to Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Coast Guardsmen to protect our way of life and to keep America that special place that billions of people around the world look to in times of turmoil and tragedy - and the country to which millions, braving danger, have crossed oceans and deserts to find.

In this Global War on Terror, the freedom and opportunity that our forefathers sought and fought for are the very things the enemy attacks and hopes to take away. We are all afforded great opportunities to achieve the "American Dream", and we should all cherish the fact that these opportunities are there for us. We too often take this for granted. That pursuit of freedom and fulfillment of our own "American Dream" is what each servicemember and veteran have sacrificed for and helped to defend. And I want you to know that your country is grateful to each of you, and the cause of human freedom is stronger today because of you.

And so to every American in uniform and civilian worker, I thank you for your service, commitment and dedication. You are all Patriots! I wish each of you and your families a happy holiday season and a safe and prosperous new year. I am proud to call each of you Shipmate.

Chaplain's Corner

Giving Thanks

Chaplain Rich Johnston
NWS Command Chaplain

In most religious/spiritual traditions both in the US and around the world, no matter what/who one's concept of God or "the Holy" is, the heart of most expressions of worship is to say, "Thanks." In both good times and in challenging times, there remains ample opportunity to give thanks: thanks for the gift of life; thanks for the gifts of family/friends; thanks for the gifts of food, clothing, and shelter; thanks for the gift of meaningful employment; thanks for opportunities for education and growth in mind and spirit; thanks for the gifts of community, society, and country.

The list of reasons and opportunities to say our thanks can go on and on and typically far exceeds any list of reasons we can find to complain or grow depressed, instead.

For those same religious/spiritual traditions, any expression of thanks is usually

accompanied by a call or challenge to freely share that expression of thanks in charitable service dedicated to one's God and to needy persons or causes of many sorts. That service can be joyfully done both individually with one's time, talents, and financial resources, as well as through community efforts and charitable organizations.

Most recently for instance on the Weapons Station, the Combined Federal Campaign presented a wonderful opportunity for federal employees and the Military to send financial expressions of thanks through a whole host of charitable organizations to reach out in love and service to needy persons and causes in our immediate community and around the world. Some gave through the CFC as an expression of Faith/Spirituality, while others gave for other charitable reasons. Whichever the case, saying thanks involved giving of oneself for the sake of another.

For our nation, the season of Thanksgiving is upon us once again. This

is our only "national feast day" where our citizens have been officially encouraged since the time of President Lincoln and beyond to gather typically in the form of meals with family/friends when possible, to offer thanks in our many and varied forms of religious/spiritual expressions for our many blessings as a nation. As we each make our plans to celebrate this time of Thanksgiving, might our thanks be challenged to include those charitable acts on behalf of others in need. Gifts/service to local food programs and the providing of holiday meals both on and off the Weapons Station are possible. Opening our homes with efforts like Adopt-A-Sailor for Sailors unable to gather with family/friends at home are another way that each of us can extend our desire to give thanks.

This season, may we each have a blessed, safe, and happy time of Thanksgiving, sharing abundantly with others as we have been abundantly blessed both as individuals and as a nation.

National Military Family Month brings fun day to Commissary lawn

FFSC Marketing and
MC1 (SW) Brianna K. Dandridge, NWS Public Affairs

The month of November is designated as National Military Family Month. This annual observance provides an opportunity to honor the extraordinary contributions of Navy families. On Friday, Nov. 17 the



Erikah Rooman, age 4, poses with Santa at Family Fun Day.

Commissary, Navy Wives Club and Fleet and Family Support Center held a Family Fun Day celebration in front of the NWS Charleston Commissary.

On hand were national celebrities Santa and Mrs. Claus to take photos with children of all ages. The Navy Wives Club grilled up free hot dogs for everyone and was a big hit with the attending families. Several vendors helped with the event designed to celebrate the month of the military family. "We just want family members to know we support them," said Barb Aria, manager Navy Federal Credit Union.

According to Becky Bowers, the free food, drinks and photo opportunities with jolly old Saint Nick was a small way to show the military members that their importance is recognized.

Throughout the history of the Navy, the steadfast support of families has always been a source of inspiration and support. Extended deployments, family separations, and frequent moves are among the special challenges that Navy family member's experience.

Once the hot dogs were all gone and the kids began to lose their energy FFSC held a prize give-a-way drawing. Aaron Hickerson won a



Becky Bowers paints flowers on Morgan Riewerts while her friends look on during Family Fun Day.

Mini-Scooter and Brent Pavell won a basketball hoop.

"Our nation is also grateful for the military families who serve our country by giving their support to these brave individuals. As we continue to fight terrorism and advance peace around the world, America stand behind you and the members of our Armed Forces," explained George Bush, President of the United States.

Tips on proper and safe holiday lights and decorations

How many holiday decorations are too many? Some people stick to decorating a tree and some windows. They'll place family heirlooms in visible places and keep their entertaining to close friends.

Others like showing their Christmas spirit Las Vegas-style, with hundreds of lights flashing around every door, window, gable, and garage. These folks fiercely compete against other homes for prizes and find satisfaction lighting up entire neighborhoods.

It doesn't matter how little or how much people decorate. Note: Residents of Family Housing may use a maximum of three strands of exterior lighting (energy conservation). What matters is that they check decorations before using them on trees, doors, windows, and balconies. Nothing can ruin the holiday season faster than an accident or fire. A few simple safety rules can keep your holiday season happy.

A common misconception is last year's decorations will work this year. This is not always true; light strings

and electric cords fray and bulbs break.

The condition of outdoor decorations demands special attention. Whipping winds, sleet and rain can break bulbs and sockets, and fray wires and electrical cords, causing short circuits. Make sure all outdoor electrical decorations work properly. If there is any question about safety, don't use them.

More electrical safety tips for the holidays:

- Don't place extension cords under rugs or carpets.
- Don't plug more than three sets of lights into an extension cord.
- Make sure either the Underwriters Laboratory or Factory Mutual certifies all electric lights. Consumer labels are usually marked "UL" or "FM".
- Don't use indoor electrical decorations outdoors - - they aren't water-proofed.
- Turn off all tree lights and other electrical decorations when going to bed or leaving the house.

Artificial trees: Those made of plastic may be flammable. Be sure the one

purchased is marked as being made of fire retardant or slow-burning materials. Metal trees do not burn, but are a shock hazard. Do not put strings of electrical lights on metal trees.

Live Trees: To keep live trees safe from fires, follow these rules:

- Buy a fresh tree just a few days before the holiday.
- Have a stand you can fill with water. Before putting the tree in the stand, cut a little off the base so that it can absorb water.
- Don't place the tree near a fire-place.
- Make sure all lights and wiring carry the UL label and are free from frayed wires, broken sockets, and loose connections.
- Don't plug too many strings of lights in a single plug or receptacle.
- Do not leave tree lights on while you are away from home or asleep.

Safe toys: When buying toys for children, be safety conscious and look for the safety label. Avoid sharp edges and small parts which are not securely fastened, and china or light plastic toys may break leaving sharp edges. Be sure painted toys are painted with safe paint, not lead paint. Don't buy chemical sets or toolboxes for children who are too young to use them safely.

Candles: Children should not be allowed to light candles. Avoid putting candles in arrangements of evergreens or dried flowers. Extinguish candles before leaving home or going to sleep.

Holiday greenery: Mistletoe and holly berries are toxic and should always be kept out of the reach of small children and pets.

Outdoor lights: Limit outdoor lights to three strings.





Professional Reading Program onboard NWS Charleston

The NWS Library announces the arrival of the Navy Professional Reading Collection. There are 12 book collections with subjects focused on leadership, military heritage, joint warfare, cultural awareness, critical thinking and management. The collection is geared toward varying experience levels from junior recruit to admiral. All Sailors are encouraged to take advantage of these books, which were carefully chosen by Navy leaders and scholars. Come to the library and browse through the titles. The library is located on Jefferson Street at MenRiv Plaza.

Give the gift of life this holiday season

The Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) needs support and will draw blood at the Bowman Center, bldg 2401 on NNPTC circle at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, on Tuesday, December 19 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 20 from 10:00-5:00 p.m.

Everyday the ASBP supplies blood in large quantities to support Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom as well as everywhere else around the world that service men and women are fighting.

All blood types are needed and 100 percent of the blood donated goes to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces both active and retired as well as their families. By donating to the ASBP you are reducing the amount of blood at \$250.00 per unit and platelets at \$800.00 per unit that need to be purchased from other sources. It is important that we all do what we can to help. So please come out and show support.

For more information log onto www.militaryblood.dod.mil or contact the area coordinator, FT1(SS) Samuel Tweedy, at 574-8664.

Motorcycle temporary passes

Effective immediately and in accordance with Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4, Enclosure 3, paragraph E3.2.3, thirty (30) day temporary base passes for motorcycles, with the exception of those motorcycle operators who have successfully completed a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) approved motorcycle riding course, will no longer be issued. Any motorcycle owner/operator, who requires an MSF approved course to operate a motorcycle on the Naval Weapons Station, must contact Louis Pachon of the NWS Safety Department at 764-7821 to schedule the class. Upon issuance of a training date, the Safety Department will forward all pertinent information to the NWS Pass and Badge office, who will issue a temporary pass for those training dates. For questions or concerns about this guidance contact Joe Raspanti, Deputy Security Officer, at 764-7205 or Pachon at 764-7821.

Who was the 'Joe' in a 'Cup of Joe'?

By Ensign Kenneth Jew,
NWS Public Affairs

U.S. Sailors have no peers when it comes to making and consuming a fresh pot of coffee. It is the often the fuel that keeps the fleet moving. Experience is undoubtedly the reason behind this superior brewing talent because few groups on earth drink more coffee than Sailors, they gulp almost a million cups per day.

Most U.S. Naval traditions are uprooted from the annals of their British and French counterparts. Chronic coffee consumption particularly at sea is 100 percent U.S. Navy. The British and French navies still consume alcoholic beverages onboard their ships.

The popularity of coffee consumption in the U.S. Navy began in the early 1900s when Josephus Daniels, an accomplished editor of the *Raleigh News and Observer* and Secretary of the Navy under President Woodrow Wilson embarked on a series of reforms, one of them being a ban on alcohol on board ships. "I think every Sailor should be given a ration of, at least beer, especially at sea. It was a means to relax during break after a hard days work. I mean, what was the benefit [of banning alcohol]?" demanded (with tongue firmly in cheek) Cmdr. William Rabchenia, operations officer, Naval Weapons Station Charleston.

General Order number 99, written and signed by Daniels, annulled Naval Instructions Article 827 and in its stead, the following was substituted:

"The use or introduction for drinking purposes of alcoholic liquors on board any naval vessel, or within any navy yard or station, is strictly prohibited, and commanding officers will be held directly responsible for the enforce-

ment of this order (does not apply to special occasions)". From that time on, the strongest drink aboard Navy ships could only be coffee.

Over the years, Sailors have branded coffee with many names. Java, jamoke, sludge, silt, bilge, mud and a shot-in-the-arm are a few of these more refined appellations. Perhaps the most widely known name for the stimulating serum is a cup of joe. Urban legend has it that Sailors branded coffee 'cup of joe' as act of spite because Josephus Daniels placed a ban on alcohol. It was a reminder of the person who murdered the tradition of wine, ale or beer onboard their seagoing vessels.

Coffee has been around a long time. Legend states that back in 875 A.D. sheep and goat herders in the Abyssinian province of Kaffa (where coffee got its name) were having a rough day because their sheep and goats were staying up all night wandering restlessly around. Finally, one of the herders discovered that coffee bushes the animals were grazed on were responsible for their dilemma. The herders sampled the berries themselves, and it turned out to be a case of love at first swallow. Afterwards the sheep finally slept, but the herders stayed awake all night anyway – a case of too much caffeine.

Today, it is obvious that Sailors dearly love coffee and is demonstrated by the amazing amount of brewed cocoa berries absorbed by practically everyone. Although the term 'cup of joe' is no longer used with malice. Some Sailors seem to still miss the old traditions. One thing is for certain; it is hard to cross paths with Sailors without seeing them carrying a coffee stained cup. It is a sign of respect to the 'life-blood' of the Navy.



Last minute holiday shopping tips

With the holiday shopping season having officially begun, Fleet and Family Support Center has assembled for consumers some money management advice to keep the holiday season happy and free of debt stress.

Tips for last minute holiday shopping:

- **Develop a spending budget:** Write down household and personal expenses for November and December. For each month, subtract the total amount of expenses from your monthly take-home pay. The amount left over each month becomes a starting point to gauge how much you can afford to spend. Make a list of purchases from gifts to decorations.

- **Boost holiday spending account:** Look for ways to make overtime pay at work. Look for seasonal, part-time employment and consider using part of any holiday bonus to offset expenses. Cut down on other expenses like food and entertainment, when possible.

- **Consider creative gift giving:** When it comes to gifts, some people still believe it's the thought that counts. Consider gifts that have a personal touch, such as hand-made and home-made gifts like tapestries, quilts, pastries, or other prepared foods. Don't forget about fruit baskets, which are both economical and healthy.

- **Look for shopping deals:** Check out retail sales, special discounts, coupons in circulars or newspapers, and deals online. Consider purchasing holiday decorations in bulk and splitting the cost with friends and family members. These deals can add up to substantial savings.

- **Avoid last minute shopping:** Shopping under stress can lead to more spending. Plan shopping trips in advance and shop as early as possible before the December holidays. Avoid shopping for convenience, which may not be most economical.

- **Pay with cash when possible and spend wisely.** Stick to your spending limit. Pay with cash when possible and leave the checkbook and credit cards at home to avoid temptations for unplanned and unnecessary purchases. If using credit is a must, limit purchases to one card. Use the credit card with the lowest interest rate and don't use more credit than you can afford to pay off in 90 days or less. Remember, credit card debt amounts to a short-term loan. The longer the length of the loan, the more you will pay.

- **'Tis the season to be jolly, not vulnerable:** An increase in the use of credit cards can also lead to an increase in the opportunities for identity theft. Avoid becoming a victim of identity theft: order a copy of your credit report from the three major credit bureaus once or twice a year to verify that the information reported is accurate. Avoid exposing credit cards, social security numbers, and other personal information to others when shopping. If a credit card is lost or stolen, report it right away to the credit card company. Ask for a written list of the latest charges to verify authorized purchases. Unauthorized charges should be disputed immediately in writing.

- **Avoid the post-holiday debt hang-over and don't overspend:** Tally the receipts from all holiday expenses, including gifts, postage, meals, entertainment, and decorations. Once you've completed your shopping list, stop shopping. More mall time can amount to more spending. Those who have kept to their budgets will start the year with less debt and less stress. Adopt and practice a new year's resolution to keep your household budget balanced for the next 12 months.

For more information on Financial Budgeting, call Fleet and Family Support Center at 764-7480.



Around the Station



Photo by MC1 (SW) Brianna Dandridge

BU3 Jason Eckles updates the final monetary scoreboard onboard Naval Weapons Station November 9. NWS Charleston set the ambitious goal of raising \$17,777 for this year's Combined Federal Campaign. The total donated by personnel was \$20,767.96, which exceeded the goal by 16 percent. Low Country Warriors gave generously to aid local, national, and international charities worldwide.



Marines assigned to the Naval ROTC detachment at The Citadel celebrate the Marine Corps' 231st birthday Friday on Summerall Field. Brig. Gen. Paul E. Lefebvre, commanding general of the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, was the guest speaker. The cake cutting commemorates the founding on November 10, 1775 of a corps of Marines created to fight for a democratic people's independence. Marines around the world celebrate courage and sacrifice of the combat legacy of the United States Marine Corps.

What do you want for Christmas?



EM1 (SS) Scott Rubenzer

"I want for my kids to have the best Christmas possible."



Seaman Eric Goettsche

"To go home for the holidays to see my family. I just go here from boot camp and I haven't seen them in over 2 months."



IT2 Stylicia Bowden

"I want more harmony and love in the world."



Norma Mood

"A new laptop for school."



Hakeem Osgood

"I want a new pair of Michael Jordan shoes and a cell phone to call my friends."

Naval Hospital Charleston Flu Vaccine Update

Kristina Wolk,
Naval Hospital public affairs

Naval Hospital Charleston (NHC) and its branch medical clinic is administering flu vaccines for the current influenza season.

"We are expecting the injectable flu vaccine to be available the week of November 27 for beneficiaries who are prohibited use of the nasal spray vaccine," says Capt. Gregory Gorsuch, NHC Director, Public Health Services. "Each healthcare provider can advise their patients about the appropriate choice of vaccine."

Vaccination with the nasal spray, 'FluMist', is recommended for healthy, non-pregnant people age five to 49, and is available now, without an appointment, at the NHC immunization clinic as well as the Branch Medical Clinic on a walk-in basis during normal clinic

hours Monday – Friday 8:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Vaccinations are not offered at the Branch Medical Clinic during Saturday Acute Care hours. The injectable flu vaccine is approved for several high risk categories: children age six months - 59

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Capt. Gregory Gorsuch

months, pregnant women, people age 50 or older, patients with medical problems, such as asthma, diabetes, and immunodeficiency disease.

Updates on injectable flu vaccination availability at Naval

Hospital Charleston and its branch medical clinic are featured on the NHC Web site, <http://www.nhchasn.med.navy.mil> and on the Hospital's electronic marquee system. Patients may also call local clinics for information regarding immunization hours.

Gorsuch adds, "We are setting up special clinic hours at both Naval Hospital Charleston and the Branch Medical Clinic at the Naval Weapons Station to administer flu vaccinations of both types (FluMist and injectable) Wednesday, November 29 and Friday December 1 at NHC and BMC from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

On Saturday December 2, the Branch Medical Clinic will offer flu vaccinations of both types from 8:00 a.m. to noon. A regularly updated information line is also available by calling 742-7006."



Photo courtesy of FFC

Job Fair held at CAFB

Cdr. Barry Murphy of FFSC disseminates information during the Joint Air Force and Navy Job Fair held at the Charleston Air Force Base was sponsored by the NWS Charleston Fleet and Family Support Center and Charleston AFB Family Support Center on November 17.

General Uniform Regulations

COMMUTING

A. General. The prescribing authority may authorize working uniforms, except Navy Blue Coveralls, for commuting to and from work. Commuting is defined as a direct route from place of residence to place of work by means of a private vehicle, to include all travel aboard DOD-owned/controlled aircraft.

B. Authorized Brief Stops. Working Khakis, Utilities, Winter Working Blue, Flight Suits, and Camouflaged Utility uniform may also be worn for brief and appropriate stops off-base during duty hours, or while commuting to and from place of duty, such as: (1) when dropping off/picking up children from daycare centers or school; (2) obtaining gas or other essential driving aids (wiper blades, snow chains, fluids, lights, etc.); (3) picking up/dropping off dry-cleaning; (4) automatic teller machines; (5) picking up vehicles at repair shops or gas stations; (6) at drive-thru windows where exiting the vehicle is not required; (7) at a convenience store or drug store solely for the purchase of emer-

gency childcare or health products (milk, diapers, medicine, etc.); and (8) business conducted in financial institutions.

C. Unauthorized Stops. Sailors are prohibited from wearing the above working uniforms as a liberty uniform off-base or during inappropriate circumstances such as: (1) at restaurants, pizza parlors, bars, lounges, etc.; (2) when dealing with public officials (police, courthouse, attorneys); (3) while attending classes or activities, or conducting business at education facilities; (4) at commercial airports/bus stations for travel or entering pick/drop off passengers; (5) at retail/rental stores, shopping malls, and shops for shopping or paying bills; (6) at grocery stores/supermarkets; and (7) at movie theaters, mini-golf, or other similar entertainment/recreational or sporting activities.

D. Organizational Clothing. Wear of organizational clothing, except flight suits, brown leather flight jackets, and camouflage uniforms, is not authorized while commuting.

Senior Enlisted Leadership Course announced

The Naval Justice School is offering the senior enlisted leadership course, a seminar in military justice and civil law, to senior enlisted (E-8/E-9) of all service branches. Personnel in paygrade E-7 may attend on a space available basis. Prior attendees have given the course outstanding marks for increasing awareness of current legal issues and promoting efficiency in handling legal matters.

Commanders, commanding officers, and officers in charge are encouraged to send their senior enlisted leaders to this 3-day seminar to be held at several locations listed below. Those having completed similar training in the past are encouraged to attend as a refresher. The course will address a wide range of legal issues, including nonpunitive measures, nonjudicial punishment, administrative separations, legal assistance, self-incrimination,

drug abuse detection, search and seizure, dealing with civil authorities, and naturalization. Be advised this course has been incorporated into the senior enlisted academy (sea) training program. Therefore, members who are scheduled to attend sea should not attend this course. Courses will be offered through naval justice school detachments, Norfolk and San Diego. Point of contact for east coast sites is Mrs. Alexander at comm (757) 444-5641/DSN 564 or e-mail at elynn.alexander@navy.mil. Point of contact for west coast sites is Mrs. Alderman at comm. (619) 556-8376/DSN 526 or e-mail at michaelle.alderman@navy.mil.

This course is not a substitute for the legal officer course (s-sf-0014) or the legal clerk course (s-512-0009). Travel and per diem costs are the responsibility of individual commands.



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LIBERTY Program

Unless otherwise indicated, Liberty trips and events are open to all hands of NWS Charleston and its tenant commands (active duty, civilian and dependents, ages 18 and up). Sign up for these events at the ITT office located in the Liberty Outdoor Adventure Center (Building 1700, Fletcher Street). The ITT/OAC/Liberty building is open from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Call 764-2120 for more information or check us out on the MWR website at www.mwr.nwschs.navy.mil.

Monday Night Football

Nov. 27, Green Bay Packers vs. Seattle Seahawks. Action starts at 8 p.m., game starts at 8:30 p.m. Join Liberty every Monday night for some NFL action, take in some sports trivia and compete for prizes. Free pizza offered starting at 8 p.m., so come join the fun.

Dec. 4, Carolina Panthers vs. Philadelphia Eagles. Free pizza, sports trivia, and a whole lot of prizes and football action at the Dive. Pizza starts at 8:15 p.m. and game starts at 8:30 p.m. Contact the Liberty office for more information.

Karaoke Night

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6 p.m. at the Dive. Can you "Stand By Your Man" or sing "Love Shack" with five of your shipmates? Come join the fun and we'll throw in a few Karaoke challenges. For more information, please contact the Liberty office.

Giant Chess Tournament

Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Dive. We all know that you know how to play the regular game of Chess. Well, we have a challenge for you. Prizes will be awarded for the top contenders. Just come join the fun.

Ski Trip to North Carolina

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3, trip leaves the OAC/ITT parking lot at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and return around 6 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$110 for snowboarding package (equipment not included for this package), \$135 for ski package. Package price includes transportation, lodging in a gorgeous mountain house for

two nights and lift ticket. Deadline for this trip is Friday, Nov. 17 by 6 p.m.

X-Box Tournament

Tuesday, Dec. 5 starting at 12 noon in the Bowman Center Activity Complex. Ready for some Halo action or Madden competition? Well, join Liberty as we unwind from studying and work, and compete with your shipmates in a little friendly fun. Prizes will be awarded.

Holiday Festival

Thursday, Dec. 7 starting at 5 p.m. in MenRiv Plaza near Sam's Gym. Santa Clause, raffles, arts and craft booths, entertainment, hot cocoa, roasted marshmallows, games and treats for the kids. Just come join the holiday festivities!

South Carolina Stingrays vs. Columbus

Saturday, Dec. 9, we will leave the OAC/ITT parking lot at 6:15 p.m. Cost for tickets are \$5 per person. Deadline for this trip is Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

December special at Frame of Mine

Be sure to take advantage of the fantastic special at Frame of Mine throughout the month of December. Receive 25 percent off your entire framing order and 50 percent off selected in-stock unframed prints (No limit. Offer good through Dec. 29). Shop early before the Christmas rush! Stop by Frame of Mine today or call 764-4107 for more information.

Frame of Mine offers

"Do-it-Yourself" framing classes

Would you like to learn how to frame your own pictures and prints? Stop by Frame of Mine and sign up for the "Do-it-Yourself" framing classes. Classes are held the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students will learn all the basics of matting and framing pictures. Students who complete the class can go to Frame of Mine to mat and frame their own pictures at low "Do-it-Yourself" prices.

The cost is a \$30 non-refundable fee plus the cost of supplies. These are very popular classes so sign up and pay in advance. Stop by Frame of Mine to sign up for the December classes.

For more information about any of the services offered at Frame of Mine, call 764-4107.

Crafters wanted

Attention, crafters! You are invited to participate in the 13th annual Christmas Craft Fair at MWR's Holiday Festival, Thursday, Dec. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. Open to all individuals, support groups and clubs. Only \$10 per table! Call the MWR/ITT office at 764-2120 to reserve a space.



Registration deadline announced for intramural basketball

The team registration deadline for intramural basketball is Jan. 3. Registration will be held at Sam's Fitness Center and play will begin Jan. 9. This is a Captain's Cup event. To register or for more information, call 764-7530.

2007 wallyball league forming

The registration deadline for the 2007 wallyball league is Dec. 19. Registration will be held at the Athletics office in Building 725, MenRiv Plaza and play will start Jan. 9. This is a Captain's Cup event. The league will consist of 3-man teams and is open to all active duty military, retirees, DoD employees and contractors, and their dependents.

There will be a wallyball tournament at the end of the season if there is enough interest. The Wallyball International Inc. Official Wallyball Rulebook will govern league play. For more information, call the MWR Athletics office at 764-7530.

How do you play wallyball? The game is easy to learn. Just imagine an off-the-wall volleyball game, and you've got the basics.

Wallyball is played on a racquetball/handball court, where balls may be hit off the side walls as well as directly over the net. The ceiling is out of bounds, and so is the back wall if hit on a serve or volley. However, the receiving team is allowed to hit or deflect the ball off its back wall to keep the action going. General play in this game is like volleyball, except for its point per serve, 21-point games. All matches shall consist of the best two out of three games, and each game must be won by a minimum of two points.

Be sure to register by Dec. 19 at the Athletics office. And, remember, the wallyball season will

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Family & Housing News

Birth announcements

To place a baby's birth announced in the Shoreline, please contact Mrs. Laurissa Kennedy, Housing Welcome Center, 764-7218/7219/7228 extension 13.

General Announcements

MENRIV Community Center

The Community Center is available to provide a convenient and functional meeting place for activities that support Navy families, e.g., Navy Wives Club, birthday parties, family reunions, wedding receptions and classes sponsored by the Fleet and Family Support Center. For each reservation, a sponsor must be assigned who is active duty military or the spouse of an active duty military member, unless part of an organization, i.e., Fleet and Family Support Center or other personnel supporting activities.

If you would like to reserve the Center or have any questions about the use of the building, please contact the Housing Welcome Center, 764-7218/7219.

Retiring/Separating Soon

Whether discharge orders or a separation certificate, a 30-day notice is required, and all must file a notice of intent to vacate at the Housing Welcome Center. For period of continued occupancy beyond discharge or separation date, a rental charge, equivalent to your BAH, will be assessed and must be paid in advance for the period of continued occupancy.

Detailed check-out requirements are provided in the Navy Family Housing Manual. When vacating, if hiring a contract cleaner to clean the quarters, the contract cleaner is responsible for passing the final check-out inspection. However, the military member remains responsible for quarters until the date the

contract cleaner passes the final check-out inspection.

Personnel desiring to remain in military family housing must notify the Housing Welcome Center 30 days prior to separation from the service.

If further information or assistance is needed regarding this policy, please contact the Housing Welcome Center at 764-7218.



SNOW!!!

On Tuesday, November 21, Naval Weapons Station Charleston witnessed its first snow of the year. Although it is quite early in the season for this event, we have picture proof that snow fell on us, if only for a brief time.

Bachelor Housing Note:

Congratulations to our new Bachelor Housing Resident Advisors, SK1 (SW/AW) Isidro Ortiz, Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston, assigned to 77A Knutson Street; and, CS1 (SS) Thomas Navarro, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, assigned to 23 Mahan Circle. We commend them for their sup-

port and dedication, and for accepting the duty as a Resident Advisor. Resident Advisor meetings are held quarterly and all residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Resident's ideas will enable us to improve services provided. A suggestion box is located at the front desk in Bachelor Housing. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the lounge at 1 Mahan Circle. For questions or concerns contact the front desk at 764-7646.

Fire: Improper use of extension cords poses a significant fire hazard. The only extension cords permitted in Bachelor Housing are the electrical power strips with built-in circuit breakers that are Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approved. Attaching multiple surge protectors together is not authorized. All personnel should remain alert concerning fire prevention.

In case of fire, take the following steps immediately:

- Call 911. BH residents should also call the front desk and the Security Department at 764-7777 or 7555.
- Secure all windows and doors, and turn off electrical equipment.
- Get out of the building immediately. Evacuation routes are posted in all buildings.
- A fire alarm pull station is located at the bottom of every stairwell; engaging alarm during your evacuation will alert all other residents in the building.

Important Numbers

Main Housing Office: 764-7218/19

Bachelor Housing: 764-7646 or 764-4144

EMERGENCY: Dial 9-1-1



Naval Weapons Station railroads: The veins Operations Station rail system supports Glo

By Ensign Kenneth Jew,
NWS Public Affairs

Reflecting upon history, railroads have influenced American settlement and development from the 1830s to the 1950s. In cities, they shaped and stimulated economic growth, planning, and architecture. The railroads and the few who manage the railroads and associated equipment on board Naval Weapons Station Charleston is a testament to this evolution.

NWS Charleston is the only installation that provides a mean for storage within an unencumbered explosive arc, the Marine Corps' Blount Island Command in Jacksonville, FL., safely transports and receives munitions via railroad to and from the station's magazine holding areas. Rail routes from the northside's Army Field Support Battalion afloat and the southside magazines are still in use but caters not only to naval forces, but to Army and Air Force ships. Approximately 50 percent of all the assets shipped to the Middle East in support of GWOT comes out of NWS Charleston and where 100 percent of these assets are craned onto ships via rail shipment within the station, it is easy to say that railroads are the veins of the stations' logistical operations and those at Transportation that work the rails are the life-blood that make it work.

"Transportation is essential to the mission and logistics for all 43 tenant commands on this base. Everyone at Transportation supporting rail operations are doing a phenomenal job and are a valuable asset to the Public Works force," said Cmdr. Kevin Royce, public works officer.

Whereas in the past, there were four crews who operated and maintained these railroads and its associated equipment, today there is only one. Employed by the Transportation department, the hard-working crew made up of an engineer, foreman and brakeman operates three locomotives on 38.2 miles of railroad within the station's compound.

Multi-tasking has proved to be an essential part of making NWS Charleston Transportation Department an invaluable asset in the fight against the war on terrorism. "You can't single out any one person in our transportation force because without our entire crew, the flats don't move," said Tumblestone.

What makes these workers unique is the fact that rail work is not their primary job. Many within the crew are employed as crane operators, dispatchers and mechanics but increase their value by operating the railroads.

Railroads have played a major part in the station's logistical operation since its commissioning back in 1941. Previously known as Naval Ammunitions Depot, Charleston, the station was a major hub for the Atlantic, offloading and on loading missiles, torpedoes and small munitions to various naval vessels. For over 65 years, locomotives busily hauled flats over railroads from the station's northside or from magazine storages on the southside to Wharf Alpha without a



hitch, ensuring that naval ships met their response goal on time.

"Those working on the railroads work all the time. Nothing, not even weather has a means to stop the job," said Randy Tumblestone, Naval Weapons Station Charleston Transportation Department's railroad foreman and transportation dispatcher.

Today, the U.S. Navy positions logistical supplies in key areas and that has revolutionized the way the Weapons Station runs its logistical operations in times of conflicts. Studies by Rail Sciences, a leading accident investigation firm, proved that "railroads have the ability to push the envelope on power, efficiency and mechanical ingenuity where cargo can be moved faster and more cheaply than any other means."



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begin Jan. 9. Don't miss the action! For more information, call 764-7530.

Youth Basketball Registration deadline announced

Registration for youth basketball is currently being held now through Dec. 8 at the NWS Youth Center. The season will begin in early January. Registration is for all children, ages 4-17. The cost is \$40 per child (\$35 for each additional child), which includes the cost of uniform. The registration cost after Dec. 8 will be \$50. In order to register your child, parents must attend a mandatory Parents Association for Youth Sports certification class. The upcoming PAYS certification class is scheduled for Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cinema One Theater. For more information, call Alec Culpepper, MWR Athletics Director at 764-7530.

Free youth basketball registration for coaches!

The MWR Athletics office is seeking volunteer coaches for the upcoming youth basketball season. Any volunteer wishing to apply as a head coach of a youth basketball team will be entitled to one free youth basketball registration for their child! Coaches must attend a National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) coach's certification class prior to the season. Registration for youth basketball is currently being held now through Dec. 8 at the NWS Youth Center. If you have any questions, please call the Athletics office at 764-7530.

Are you tough enough for the Road Rage 5K Road Race?

The "Road Rage" is a 5K race held monthly and is run through Navy Housing. The race begins at 6:30 a.m. and is held the last Wednesday of each month. The next race is scheduled Nov. 29. All runners should meet outside of Sam's Gym Fitness Center on Jefferson Street. The race is free to all participants and is open to all active duty, retirees and dependents. No registration is required. Simply show up ready to run. Prizes will be awarded to

the top male and female finishers in the following age categories: Overall, 18-22, 23-28, 29-34, 35-39 and 40 & over. Please note that the December race will be held Dec. 13 at 6:30 a.m., and the race will start in front of Marrington Bowling Center. Call 764-7530 for more information.

Go to the Xtreme with Xtreme Bowling!

Xtreme Bowling at Marrington Lanes is held every Friday and Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The features include a fabulous light show with glow-in-the-dark bowling balls and pins, fog machines, music and dancing. The cost is \$8 per person. Go to the Xtreme with Xtreme Bowling!

Family Night Xtreme Bowling is held every Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Family Night features country music, oldies, and rock 'n' roll (you can even bring your own favorite CD's if you want). Call 764-7235 for more information.

Anytime you are at Marrington Lanes, be sure to play Bonanza Bingo...you could win up to \$1,000!

Redbank Plantation Golf Association to have No Alibis tournament

On Saturday, December 9, the Redbank Plantation Golf Association will have a No alibis golf tournament. This will be an individual stroke play tournament. Players will be given "do over" strokes equal to half of their handicap. Prizes will be awarded according to participation. The cost is \$15 plus cart and green fees. To sign up for this tournament, call 764-7802. Please note that all golfers are welcome to participate in the association tournaments.

It's almost time to renew your Golf Patron Pass!

Attention, all golfers who require a Golf Patron Pass to enjoy access to Redbank Plantation Golf Course. Your Golf Patron Pass will expire on Dec. 31. Renewal applications are currently being accepted and can be obtained at the golf course, MWR office (Building 708, MenRiv Plaza) or online at www.mwr.nwschs.navy.mil/patron_pass_app.htm.



Hey, kids! Come to the NWS Library during the Holiday Festival

During the Holiday Festival at MenRiv Plaza on Dec. 7, be sure to stop in the NWS Library to enjoy cookies and milk while the librarian reads Christmas stories every 15 minutes from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call the library at 764-7900.

NWS Library poster contest

Hey, kids! Be sure to pick up your Christmas holiday poster at the NWS Library for the Christmas holiday poster-decorating contest. Turn in your decorated poster by Dec. 13. All who turn in a poster can come to the Christmas party, which will be held at the NWS Library on Dec. 15 from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, call the library at 764-7900.

For more information on any of the NWS Library's programs or services, please call 764-7900.

Santa Suit Rentals

For those of you who prefer the do-it-yourself approach to Santa Claus, the NWS Youth Center will offer Santa suit rentals from Dec. 4 through 22 for \$25 per day. Upon return, the suit must have been professionally dry cleaned by the renter or there will be an additional \$5 charge. For more information and to assure availability, call the Youth Center at 764-7809.

Get a bang out of life

The Skeet & Trap Shoot Range at the Charleston Air Force Base is open for use by all DoD ID card holders and at \$3 a round, you get a lot of bang for your buck! Range guns and instructors are available or you can use your own shotgun, although shooters do need to bring their own shells (7 1/2 to 9 shot). Families are always welcome and reservations are not required for individuals or small groups. Presently, the range is open Tuesday, 1 p.m. until dusk, and Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to dusk. Call the range at 963-6137 during these hours for more details.



Attention Crafters!

You are invited to participate in the 13th Annual

Christmas

CRAFT FAIR

at MWR's

Holiday Festival

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006

5:00-8:00 pm

Open to all individuals, support groups and clubs. Call MWR ITT Office at 764-2120 to reserve your space.

ONLY \$10 PER TABLE!



Schedule of Workshops

Nov 30	9:00am-Noon	Smooth Move
Dec 1	9:00am-Noon	Spouse 101
Dec 7	1:00- 4:00pm	Stress Management
Dec 12	1:00- 4:00pm	Anger Management
Every Tuesday	10:00am-Noon	Family Employment Readiness Program
Every Wednesday	9:30-11:00am	Play Mornings

Registration is required.

Fleet and Family Support Center 843-764-7480/7294

Relocating? Make it a “Smooth Move.”

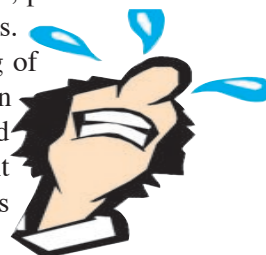
Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will hold a Smooth Move workshop in bldg 755. This workshop will provide the latest information from experts such as: Personal Property, PSD, Tricare, Legal, etc., for ease in relocating to your next command.

So, don't start a move without joining FFSC on Thursday, November 30 from 9:00-Noon to receive information that is crucial to success.

Having trouble concentrating? Feeling Stressed?

Stress can affect physical, mental and emotional well-being. Like to learn more, come to Fleet and Family Support Center on Thursday, December 7, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for a Stress Management Workshop that could help to change your life. This workshop provides a positive, productive discussion on the critical topic of stress.

Learn a better understanding of stress, the correlation between anger and stress and utilizing stress management techniques. The workshop is interactive and fun.



Looking for a job?

Family Employment Readiness Workshop

Held every Tuesday 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at FFSC, bldg 755. This workshop provides assistance, information and referral on employment and educational resources and opportunities to eligible family members of military personnel, retiring and separating military personnel and family members of relocating civil service personnel. A local staffing agency is available after the workshop.

www.nwschs.navy.mil/FFSC2/FFSCHome.htm

More info: 764-7480

Holiday excitement during 13th Annual Holiday Festival at MenRiv Plaza

NWS Charleston's MWR department proudly announces the 13th Annual Holiday Festival at MenRiv Plaza, scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Free candy, balloons, face painting and a personal visit with Santa and other holiday characters the children.

While the children romp in the jump castle and ride down the giant slide, adults gather around the magnificent bonfire in the cool winter's eve and roast marshmallows while sipping rich, hot chocolate.

Climb aboard Candy-land Express for a magical, fun-filled train ride

through Christmas Candyland. Meet Rudolf, Peppermint Moose, Snow Buddy and other holiday characters.

Browse through a fabulous craft fair and make special gift purchases just in time for the holidays.

Bring a chair or blanket to watch a holiday movie classic, which will be shown on the lawn behind the NWS Library.

Remember to sign up for the door prize drawings because your name might be called for one of our fabulous door prizes. And be sure to visit our sponsors' tables and sign up for their give-away raffles.

And there's more. Sit back, relax, and enjoy live entertainment on the

Naval Weapons Station Charleston

Holiday Festival

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
MENRIV Plaza (Next to the Library)

Free Admission!

Door Prizes!

Live Performances!

Craft Fair!

Meet Santa!

Jump Castle & Games!

Christmas Candyland!

Train Rides!

Marshmallow Roast!

Hot Chocolate!

Food Vendors!

DJ w/Holiday Music!

Outdoor Holiday Movie!
(Bring A Chair Or Blanket)

Call the MWR ITT Office
764-2120 for
more information

We're "Slicing" Prices For The Holidays!

Nov. 24 through Dec. 15, the pro shop at Redbank Plantation Golf Course has big savings on everything you'll need to please any golfer on your shopping list!

10% Off All In-Stock Golf Clubs	20% Off All Golf Apparel	10% Off All Caps, Shoes & More!
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For more information, call: 764-7802

